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1. In June 1955 rigid food control was in force in Kwangtung villages. The rice ration was 8 kilograms per month in the Szui (0934/6712) district. As a result, farmers were drifting to Canton, where they preferred to live as beggars, if necessary, rather than return to their villages. Farmers still living in the villages were eating leaves and roots; swollen stomachs and beri-beri were prevalent.
2. According to a long-time resident of Canton, the population of Canton had increased to $2\frac{1}{2}$ millions, only two-thirds of whom had residence permits. The remaining one-third consisted of the influx from the villages.

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